

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A plastic card, comprising:

a substrate having at least one sheet made of a non-opaque material and having a front surface and a back surface; and

a plurality of graphical elements that are printed on at least one of the front and back surfaces of the substrate with background layers having different respective levels of opacity, and visible through the card[[]], said graphical elements including a first set in which each element of said first set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a first level of opacity onto which said colored layer is printed, and a second set in which each element of said second set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a second level of opacity onto which said colored layer is printed.

2. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of said the graphical elements includes~~ of said first set include an opaque white background layer and ~~another one of said the graphical elements includes~~ of said second set include a translucent white background layer.

3. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 1, ~~wherein at least one of said graphical elements includes an opaque white background layer and another one of said~~ further including a third set of graphical elements in which each element of said

third set comprises a colored layer that is printed directly on one of said surfaces without a background layer.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 1, wherein at least one of said graphical elements comprises a first colored layer that forms an image of the element, a white background layer on said colored layer, and a second colored layer on said background layer that forms an image of the element, thereby permitting the image of said element to be viewed from both sides of the card.

7. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 1, further including an infrared-reflecting component that reflects infrared light in the range of about 700 nm to about 1000 nm, and transmits light having a wavelength less than about 700 nm.

8. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 7, wherein said infrared-reflecting component comprises a polyester film.

9. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 8 wherein said polyester film is laminated between first and second sheets of non-opaque material.

10. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 8 wherein said polyester film comprises multiple nanolayers having different respective natural strengths of reflection.

11. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 7, wherein said infrared-reflecting component comprises a filter dye, located on a surface of said sheet, which allows

visible light to pass through the card and simultaneously blocks infrared light from passing through the card.

12. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 11, wherein the filter dye comprises at least two dyes, wherein each of the at least two dyes blocks infrared light in a different portion of the range of about 700 nm to about 1000 nm; and the combination of the at least two dyes blocks all of the infrared light in the range of 700 nm to about 1000 nm.

13. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 1 further including a transparent tint dye on said sheet.

14. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 13 wherein said tint dye comprises a single color that is disposed over the entire surface of one side of said sheet.

15. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 13 wherein said tint dye consists of multiple colors that are printed onto a surface of said sheet in a pattern to produce a textured effect.

16. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 15 wherein said textured effect comprises a marbled effect.

17. (Previously Presented) The card of claim 1 further including a region of clear ink on an exterior surface of said [card] substrate that defines a signature area.

18. (Currently Amended) A plastic card, comprising:

a first sheet layer made of a non-opaque material and having a front surface and a back surface;

a second sheet layer made of a non-opaque material and having a front surface and a back surface;

a filter dye, located on one of said surfaces, which allows visible light to pass through the card and simultaneously blocks infrared light from passing through the card; and

a plurality of graphical elements on at least one of the front and back surfaces of at least one of the first and second sheet layers, and that [are printed on] include backgrounds having different respective levels of opacity said graphical elements including a first set in which each element of said first set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a first level of opacity onto which said colored layer is printed, and a second set in which each element of said second set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a second level of opacity onto which said colored layer is printed.

19. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 18, wherein the filter dye is printed on the back surface of the first sheet and/or the front surface of the second sheet.

20. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 18, wherein the filter dye has a minimum absorbance level of 1.3 for light having a wavelength in a range that includes 700 nm and greater.

21. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 20, wherein said range is approximately 700 nm to 1000 nm.

22. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 20, wherein the filter dye permits visible light in a substantial portion of the range of 400-700 nm to pass through the card.

23. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 18, wherein the filter dye permits visible light in a substantial portion of the range of 400-700 nm to pass through the card.

24. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 18, wherein the first and second sheet layers are laminated together.

25. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 18, wherein the filter dye comprises at least two dyes, wherein each of the at least two dyes blocks infrared light in a different portion of the range of about 700 nm to about 1000 nm; and the combination of the at least two dyes blocks all of the infrared light in the range of 700 nm to about 1000 nm.

26. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 18, wherein ~~at least one of said~~ the graphical elements includes of said first set include an opaque white background and ~~another one of said~~ the graphical elements of said second set include ~~includes~~ a translucent white background.

27. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 18, ~~wherein at least one of said graphical elements includes an opaque white background layer and another one of said~~ further including a third set of graphical elements in which each element of said third set comprises a colored layer that is printed directly on one of said surfaces without a background layer.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A plastic card, comprising:

a sheet layer made of a non-opaque material;

a filter dye associated with said sheet layer and comprising a first dye, a second dye and a third dye, wherein the first dye blocks infrared light having wavelengths in a first portion of the range of about 700 nm to about 1000 nm, the second dye blocks light having wavelengths in a second portion of said range, and the third dye blocks light having wavelengths in a third portion of said range, and wherein the combination of the first, second and third dyes blocks all infrared light in said range while permitting substantially all visible light in a range below about 700 nm to pass through said card; and

a plurality of graphical elements on said sheet layer ~~that include backgrounds having different respective levels of opacity,~~ said graphical elements including a first set in which each element of said first set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a first level of opacity onto which said

colored layer is printed, and a second set in which each element of said second set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding background layer having a second level of opacity onto which said colored layer is printed.

31. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 30, comprising first and second sheet layers that are laminated together.

32. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 30, wherein said filter dye is incorporated in a film layer that is laminated with said first and second sheet layers.

33. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 30, wherein said filter dye is incorporated in a solution that is printed on a surface of said sheet layer.

34. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 30, wherein said filter dye is incorporated into the material of said sheet layer.

35. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 30, wherein ~~at least one of said the~~ graphical elements ~~includes of said first set include~~ an opaque white background layer and ~~another one of said the~~ graphical elements ~~includes of said second set include~~ a translucent white background layer.

36. (Currently Amended) The card according to claim 30, ~~wherein at least one of said graphical elements includes an opaque white background layer and another one of said~~ further including a third set of graphical elements in which each element of said third set comprises a colored layer that is printed directly on one of said surfaces without a background layer.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (New) The plastic card of claim 1, wherein the background layer of each graphical element in said first and second sets is contiguous with its corresponding colored layer.

40. (New) The plastic card of claim 1, wherein some of said graphical elements are printed on the front surface of said substrate, and others of the graphical elements are printed on the back surface of said substrate.

41. (New) The plastic card of claim 1, wherein each background layer conforms to its corresponding colored layer.

42. (New) A plastic card, comprising:

a substrate having at least one sheet made of a non-opaque material and having a front surface and a back surface; and

a plurality of graphical elements that are printed on at least one of said front and back surfaces and visible through the card, said graphical elements including a first set in which each element of said first set comprises a colored layer and a respective corresponding non-transparent background layer onto which said colored layer is printed, and a second set in which each element of said second set

comprises a colored layer that is printed directly on one of said surfaces without a background layer.

43. (New) The plastic card of 42, wherein the graphical elements of said first set include an opaque white background layer.

44. (New) The plastic card of claim 43, wherein said background layer is printed with a screen printing process.

45. (New) The plastic card of claim 42, wherein the graphical elements of said first set include a transparent white background layer.

46. (New) The plastic card of claim 45, wherein said background layer is printed with a lithographic printing process.